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1. SUMMARY. RICHARD TODD, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CROSS OF DENVER TOLD AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 2 HIS DRILLING PROGRAM IN THE GULF OF GONAVE IS ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY. A DRILL SHIP IS COMING FROM MALTA, SHOULD ARRIVE IN LATE DECEMBER, AND IS EXPECTED TO START DRILLING JANUARY 4. PROSPECTS ARE FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY

2. RICHARD TODD, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CROSS OF DENVER, CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 2 TO DISCUSS THE DRILLING PROGRAM OF HIS OPERATING SUBSIDIARY, CRUX, LTD. PRELIMINARY SEISMIC WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, A PROMISING FORMATION LOCATED IN ABOUT 300 FEET OF WATER ABOUT 12 MILES FROM PORT AU PRINCE, AND A DRILLING CONTRACT SIGNED. ADDITIONAL SEISMIC WORK IS UNDER WAY IN THE GULF OF GONAVE, MORE RECONNAISSANCE WORK IN THE OTHER THREE AREAS (THE ARTIBONITE VALLEY, THE PLAINE DU NORD, AND THE LES CAYES BASIN) WILL FOLLOW.

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3. CRUX PLANS TO USE A DRILL SHIP RATHER THAN A LESS

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EXPENSIVE PLATFORM AS IT IS MORE SELF CONTAINED AND
THE NEAREST SUPPLY POINT, NEW ORLEANS, IS TOO FAR FOR
EFFICIENT PLATFORM SERVICE. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE DECEMBER 28 AND START DRILLING JANUARY 7. MR. TODD
SAID THAT PRESIDENT DUVALIER PLANS TO PERSONALLY "SPUD
IN" THE FIRST WELL.

4. THE INITIAL DRILLING WILL TAKE PLACE IN ABOUT 300
FEET OF WATER ABOUT 12 MILES OFF PORT AU PRINCE IN THE
GULF OF GONAVE. THE PRIMARY TARGET ZONE OF THE FIRST
WELL IS A CORAL FORMATION AT ABOUT 4100 FEET. THERE ARE
SECONDARY TARGETS LOWER DOWN IN THE 12,000 FOOT SEDIMENTARY
COLUMN. ANOTHER FORMATION IN THE SAME AREA WILL BE
TESTED LATER IN THE PROGRAM. THE LOCATION OF THE SECOND
WELL DEPENDS ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST WELL. MR. TODD
SAID THAT THE FIRST PROGRAM COSTING ABOUT $6 MILLION
WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF MARCH.
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